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## GEARING UP FOR A FINE BANQUET MARCH 8

*Featured Speaker, John Quinones*

March 8, 2016 • Benton Event Center

This year's Benton Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet is shaping up to be a memorable and inspiring event. Join us Tuesday, March 8, to hear our award-winning featured speaker, John Quinones, ABC News anchor, host of television's "What Would You Do?" and a contributing reporter for 20/20, World News Tonight, and Primetime Live.

Banquet sponsors include Everett Buick-GMC; Jones Heating & Air; First Security Bank; Baxley-Penfield-Moudy Realtors; Rinco Chemical Industries, Inc.; Reed's Metals of Benton; CDI Contractors, LLC; Fergusons Furniture; and McCauley Services. Catering will be provided by Dinner's Ready. For tickets, call 860-7002 or visit [bentonchamber.com](http://bentonchamber.com).

## NEW MEMBERS (February)

### AKEL'S CARPET ONE FLOOR & HOME

Paul Rhodes  
3210 Market Place  
Bryant 72022 • 847-3364  
Flooring, Home Products

### EAST HARDING CONSTRUCTION

David Ray  
2230 Cottdale Lane, Suite 3  
Little Rock 72202 • 661-1646  
Construction

### FULL COUNT SPORTS AND RECREATION

Ashley Wilson  
2901 Military Rd, Ste B  
Benton 72015 • 681-5012  
Sports Training

### IDEAL NUTRITION

Jenny Carson  
3231 Main Street, Ste 3  
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149 S Market Street  
Benton 72015 • 799-9742  
Law Firm

### OLTMAN'S ROOFING

Jeremiah Oltmans  
8710 Oltmans Hill  
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Roofing

### RELICS TATTOO STUDIO & GALLERY

David Bishop  
124 N Market  
Benton 72015 • 672-3269  
Tattoos & Piercing

## FIRST SUCCESS IN SALINE EVENT

### BINGO, BAGGO, & BBQ

MARCH 29, 2016 6-8 PM  
\$5 ADMISSION @ BENTON EVENT CENTER



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Our first Success in Saline, a new networking event for members, will be held March 29 at the Benton Event Center from 5:30 – 7:30 pm.

Each time we host this event, it will be activity oriented and offer a chance for increased fellowship among Chamber members! Bingo and Baggo will be played at the March event. Hope to see you there!

## CHAMBER EVENTS

**March 3 - Ribbon Cuttings**  
6 p.m., Full Count Sports

**March 8 - Benton Chamber Banquet**  
6:30 p.m., Benton Event Center

**March 15 - Civ & Gov**  
Cancelled for March

**March 17 - Membership Meeting**  
7:45 a.m., Chamber Board Room

**March 17 - Finance Committee**  
8 a.m., Chamber Board Room

**March 17 - Ambassadors,  
Directory Delivery**  
11 a.m., Chamber Board Room

**March 28 - April 1  
ChamberMaster Representative in Town**  
Ads for Website

**March 29  
Success in Saline**  
5:30-7:30 p.m., Chamber Board Room

**March 30  
Chamber Board Meeting**  
11:15 a.m., Executive; 11:45 a.m.,  
Full Chamber Board Room

## CITY EVENTS

**March 7, 21  
Benton Utilities Commission**  
6 p.m., Electric Utility Department  
1827 Dale Street

**March 14, 28  
Benton City Council**  
6 p.m., Agenda; 7 p.m., Full  
Council Chambers, Municipal Complex

**March 17 - A & P Commission**  
4 p.m., Chamber Board Room

## OTHER EVENTS

**March 2 - Benton Matters**  
Cancelled for March

**March 12 - Recycle Saline  
Dumpster, Household & Hazardous  
Waste Drop**  
7 a.m.-12 p.m., Saline County  
Fairgrounds

**March 12-13 - Spring in Saline  
Home & Garden Show**  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Benton Event Center

## Chamber Scholarships

Thanks to funds raised from our Business After Hours events, the Benton Area Chamber of Commerce will award five (5) \$1000 scholarships this year to graduating seniors. Scholarship applications may be picked up in the Guidance Office at the following Benton Chamber member schools: Benton High School beginning March 1, Glen Rose High School, Bauxite High School, and Harmony Grove High School. All graduating seniors are eligible for the scholarships. Financial need, community activities, and grades are determining factors in the selection process. Applications should be returned to the Guidance Office at the various high schools by the due date. These then will be given to a Scholarship Committee to make the selection.

## Membership Meeting

At a recent meeting, Benton Area Chamber of Commerce Board members determined to update the titles of certain Benton Chamber personnel. Changes are as follows:

**President/CEO, Gary James**  
**Director of Operations, Jerry Beaty**  
**Director of Events, Amy McCormick**  
**Director of Member Relations, JJ Bruton**  
**Office Coordinator, Melinda Vergona**

As a result, the following Board title adjustments are also required:

**Chairman, Paul White**  
**Vice Chairman, Leigha Jones**  
**Past Chairman, Lori Terrell**

A General Membership meeting will be held at 7:45 am on Thursday, March 17 at the Benton Chamber to vote on the amended by-laws to include these recommended changes. Please plan to attend.

## Spring Events.

This spring, your Chamber combines two events for a new take on fun! Saline County Business Expo and Hook, Line & Chicken will happen together. Mark your calendars!



### Hook, Line, & Chicken

11 a.m.-1 p.m., May 18 • Benton Event Center

Join us for fried catfish, chicken, fries, slaw, and a fried pie. Advance tickets are just \$10; tickets at the door, \$12.50. For our local businesses, we will once again offer delivery service – this would be a great way to reward your hard-working staff on that day.



### Saline County Business Expo

11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., May 18 • Benton Event Center

Also plan to attend our annual business expo! Booth costs are \$250 (members) and \$350 (non-members). Vendors receive two free tickets to Hook, Line and Chicken. Booth applications will be sent out soon. No product sales are allowed at this event.

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## From Your President



As March dawns at the Benton Area Chamber, we're excited about what is shaping up to be a productive, event-filled spring! The Chamber staff is hard at work to continue to add value to your Chamber membership.

Our mission is to serve our members and the area by fostering growth of business, education, and economic development that will enhance the quality of life for the good of our community. Your membership and participation on a daily basis gives us the resources needed to fulfill that mission, and for that, we thank you. If you have ideas about how we can improve our service to you or to the community, let us hear from you! Meanwhile, to ensure that you receive maximum benefit from your Chamber membership, I encourage you to attend as many Chamber events as possible. You'll be glad you did!

*Paul D. White, P.A. Attorney at Law*

## RIBBON CUTTINGS

Arkansas Blood Institute



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Arkansas Auto Group



The Bed Warmer Quilt & Sew



Class 101



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Saline Co. Republican Committee



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**Spring**  
IN SALINE  
**HOME & GARDEN SHOW**

March 12-13, 2016  
BENTON EVENT CENTER

ALCOA  
**COMMUNITY  
FEDERAL**  
CREDIT UNION

## Other Events

March 14 - Benton School Board  
5:30 p.m., Professional Dev. Center

March 15  
Annual Hoops for Kids' Sake  
Benefits Boys & Girls Club  
of Bryant and Saline County  
7 p.m., UALR Jack Stephens Center

March 15  
Golden K Kiwanis'  
Bob Herzfeld Spaghetti Day  
11 a.m.-1 p.m., 5-7 p.m.,  
First Baptist Church

March 19 - Benton Easter Egg Hunt  
10 a.m.-12 p.m.,  
Saline County Courthouse



776-8068

March  
Public Events

March 5  
Saline County Gun & Knife Show

March 8  
Benton Area Chamber of Commerce  
Banquet

March 10  
Quail Forever Banquet

March 12-13  
Spring in Saline  
Home & Garden Show

March 27  
Easter Service - Centerpoint Church

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